

February 17, 2011

Senator Martin Looney Representative Clair Janowski Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee Room 1000, Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Looney and Representative Janowski,

I write in support of the nomination of Steven Reviczky as the Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. Reviczky has a keen understanding of the role of the Commissioner, and the role that agriculture plays in the state. He brings that knowledge with him in every endeavor that End Hunger Connecticut! has worked on with him.

End Hunger Connecticut! is a statewide anti-hunger and food security organization. Our work is primarily focused on the federal food programs which feed the low-income in our state. In my position with EHC! I sit on many boards in which I strive to ensure that those who are low-income have a voice in our state agriculture policy, including access to healthy, nutritious and locally grown foods. Mr. Reviczky has been a leader in the agricultural community in assuring that the often underserved are recognized. He understands that the consumer, no matter what their income, should be recognized.

Additionally, Mr. Reviczky has been in the forefront in creating policies that recognize and keep the agricultural jobs in the state. His vision on this has been unmatched. As we strive to sustain our agricultural heritage, be in through Farmland Preservation efforts, Farmer's Markets, Farm to School and Farm to Chef initiatives, creating policies to ensure we have a vibrant dairy production in Connecticut and other ways to increase access to our local food Mr. Reviczky has been able to bring diverse groups to the table to get what needs to be accomplished to meet that goal.

I wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Reviczky for Commissioner of Agriculture.

Very truly yours,

Lucy P. Nolah

Executive Director

Cc: Members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee